



## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

BOBBY JINDAL

GOVERNOR

HAROLD LEGGETT, Ph.D.

SECRETARY

For Immediate Release:  
June 4, 2008

Contact: Jean Kelly  
Telephone: 225-219-3966

DEQ laboratory presents Accreditation 101 course for labs around the state

BATON ROUGE – Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Laboratory personnel will be presenting a course covering the lab accreditation process for new labs, costs, challenges and requirements for accreditation. The purpose of the course is to address issues that accredited labs have to deal with on a one-to-one basis.

The course is being offered to laboratory staff members, Stack Testing Lab staff members, and other interested individuals across the state. Accreditation 101 seminar will last approximately three to four hours and will be held 3 to 4 times a year.

The first seminar is being held, Wednesday, June 18 at DEQ's Acadiana Regional Office located at 111 New Center Drive, Lafayette. The inaugural class will consist of five participating labs. The next course will be in New Orleans in July, 2008, followed by a session in Baton Rouge or Shreveport in September or October, 2008.

"This course is designed to help each participating lab.....and we are pleased host this and all of the future "face to face" sessions, said Melvin Mitchell DEQ Lab Administrator. "We will all win as a result of these courses."

For more information on this course please contact [paul.bergeron@la.gov](mailto:paul.bergeron@la.gov) or Melvin C. Mitchell [mitch.mitchell@la.gov](mailto:mitch.mitchell@la.gov), Administrator, Laboratory Services Division, Office of Environmental Assessment, LDEQ at 225-219-9880.

-30-

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

: PO BOX 4301, BATON ROUGE, LA 70821-4301

P:225-219-3953 F:225-219-3971

[WWW.DEQ.LOUISIANA.GOV](http://WWW.DEQ.LOUISIANA.GOV)